

In the Specification

On page 1, please delete the first paragraph and insert the following Heading and paragraph in amended form:

"Cross-Reference to Related Applications"

D¹ This patent application is a National Phase application of International Patent Application serial no. PCT/US98/08798, filed on April 30, 1998, and is a continuation-in-part of application serial no. 08/847,151, filed on April 30, 1997. This patent application is a continuation-in-part of application serial no. 08/465,866, filed on June 6, 1995, which is a continuation-in-part of application serial no. 08/244,993, filed on June 21, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,623,065.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 33, without prejudice, and amend claims 27 and 34 as presented below:

D² 27. (Amended) A method of modulating expression of a target nucleic acid comprising administering into the alimentary canal an effective amount of an oligonucleotide comprising a 2'-modification, wherein said 2'-modification comprises the formula (O-CH₂-CH₂)_n-O-alkyl, and wherein said oligonucleotide hybridizes to said target nucleic acid, and modulates the expression thereof. E

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